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SUBJECT: PAN AFRICAN AIR INDUSTRIES (PAAI)

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1. BEFORE RECEIPT OF REFTEL, AMBASSADOR HAD EXPRESSED
TO FINANCE MINISTER KALMOGO HIS PERSONAL CONCERN THAT
PAAI BEING GIVEN RUN AROUND BY GOUV. AS RESULT, PAAI
WAS UNABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ATTRACTIVE FINANCING
PROSPECTS, AND COULD NOT MAKE FIRM BIDS ON EQUIPMENT.

2. AS RESULT OF THIS INFORMAL APPROACH TO KALMOGO, A
MEETING WAS HELD IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE DECEMBER 3
BETWEEN PAAI (ROBERTSON) AND KALMOGO, WITH MINISTER
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OF PLAN AND MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT ALSO PRESENT. ACCORDING TO ROBERTSON , KALMOGO HAD CERTAIN MISCONCEPTIONS REGARDING THE PROJECT BUT THESE WERE CLEARED UP DURING THE DISCUSSION. AT THE END, KALMOGO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT HE WAS IN FAVOR OF THE PROJECT AND WOULD SUBMIT IT SHORTLY TO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FOR FINAL APPROVAL. MEANWHILE, HE ADVISED ROBERTSON TO NEGOTIATE AN ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL WITH MINISTER OF COMMERCE. THE OTHER THREE PROTOCOLS, INVOLVING MINISTRIES OF FIANCE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND TRANSPORT ARE READY FOR SIGNATURE.

3. ROBERTSON SAID HE WAS GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY THIS DEVELOPMENT. HE NOW INTENDS TO REMAIN IN OUAGADOUGOU UNTIL ALL PROTOCOLS ARE SIGNED. INSTEAD OF GOING TO NDJAMENA FOR PRESENTATION OF PAAI PROJECT TO CILSS MINISTERS MEETING, HE WILL PREPARE A PAPER ON PAAI FOR DISTRIBUTION TO ALL THE MINISTERS.

4. RE PARA 8 REFTTEL, MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT OUEDRAOGO, WHO IS VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF PAAI PROJECT, HAS ASSURED EMBASSY THAT THERE IS NOTHING IN UTA-AIR AFRIQUE AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD PREVENT ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF PAAI IN UPPER VOLTA.
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